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Corps flood-damage rehabilitation assistance deadline for flood damage reduction projects is extended 30-days, now expiring July 19, 2007.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Numerous non-federal flood damage reduction projects within the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Kansas City District's areas of responsibility were damaged by the May 6 - 21 flood event. Public Sponsors of flood damage reduction projects that sustained damages now have until July 19 to apply for Public Law 84-99 Rehabilitation Assistance.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers provides engineering services to respond to national and natural disasters to minimize damages and help in recovery efforts. Public Law 84-99 enables the Corps to assist state and local authorities in flood fight activities and cost share in the repair of flood protection structures.

The Corps has authority under the law to supplement local efforts in the repair of both federal (Corps-constructed, locally operated and maintained) and non-federal (constructed by nonfederal interests or by the Works Projects Administration (WPA)) flood damage reduction projects damaged.

After a flood, the Corps has authority to supplement local efforts in the repair of both federal (Corps-constructed, locally-operated and maintained) and non-federal (constructed, operated and maintained by non-federal interests) flood damage reduction structures damaged by flooding if they are active in the Corps' Rehabilitation and Inspection Program.

To be eligible for the program, active state or county registered public sponsors for the flood damage reduction projects (levees, dikes, channels, etc.) must request an Initial Eligibility Inspection, upon which the Corps will inspect the project to determine if it provides at least a 10-year level of flood protection for a community or a 5-year level of protection for agricultural crops for three or more farmers, be maintained and operated to Corps standards prior to the onset of flooding and be deemed active at the time of the flood.

If a flood damage reduction project is inactive, or is not part of the Corps' Rehabilitation and Inspection Program, the Corps is not authorized to provide rehabilitation assistance following a flood.

Assistance will be provided by the Corps only when the work is economically justifiable, the damage was sustained during the recent flood event, and the cost of the repairs is more than \$15,000.

Rehabilitation assistance for a non-federal project is cost shared between the sponsor and the Corps. The Public Sponsor must provide 20 percent of the cost of the rehabilitation assistance. All requests for assistance made to the Corps will be coordinated with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Natural Resources Conservation Service to prevent duplication of benefits.

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If the Public Sponsor believes that its project may qualify for rehabilitation assistance, a written request must be submitted to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Kansas City District, Attention OD-E, 601 E. 12th St., Kansas City, MO 64106. The request must be signed by an officer or responsible official of the Public Sponsor, and must include:

- Name and telephone number of the Public Sponsor's point of contact;
- Legal name of the flood damage reduction project;
- Date and results of the last inspection by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers;
- Location of the flood damage reduction project by township, section, range, city, and county;
- Location(s) of the damaged section(s), and extent of the damage at each location; and
- Waterway causing the flood.

Under receipt of the Public Sponsor's request, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will schedule an inspection. For more information, call the Corps at (816)426-6320 or visit www.nwk.usace.army.mil.